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***"AN ACT CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT."***

1 Strike section 2 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections
2 and internal references accordingly

3 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
4 internal references accordingly:

5 "Sec. 501. Section 32-1m of the general statutes is repealed and the
6 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

7 (a) Not later than February [1, 2006, and annually thereafter] first,
8 annually, the Commissioner of Economic and Community
9 Development shall submit a report to the Governor, the Auditors of
10 Public Accounts and the joint standing committees of the General
11 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and

12 the budgets of state agencies, finance, revenue and bonding and
13 commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a. Not later
14 than thirty days after submission of the report, [to the Governor and
15 the General Assembly,] said commissioner shall post the report on the
16 Department of Economic and Community Development's web site.
17 [Said] Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the following
18 information with regard to the activities of the Department of
19 Economic and Community Development and to business assistance or
20 incentive programs not administered by the department, during the
21 preceding state fiscal year:

22 (1) A brief description and assessment of the state's economy during
23 such year, utilizing the most recent and reasonably available data, and
24 including:

25 (A) Connecticut employment by industry;

26 (B) Connecticut and national average unemployment; and

27 (C) Connecticut gross state product, by industry. [;]

28 [(D) Connecticut productivity, by industry, compared to the
29 national average;

30 (E) Connecticut manufacturing activity;

31 (F) Identification of economic and competitive conditions affecting
32 Connecticut's industry sectors, problems resulting from these
33 conditions and state efforts to address the problems;

34 (G) A brief summary of Connecticut's competitiveness as a place for
35 business, which shall include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of (i)
36 how the programs and policies of state government affect the state
37 economy and state business environment, (ii) the ability of the state to
38 retain and attract businesses, (iii) the steps taken by other states to
39 improve the competitiveness of such states as places for business, and
40 (iv) programs and policies the state could implement to improve the
41 competitiveness of the state in order to encourage economic growth;

42 and

43 (H) Any other economic information that the commissioner deems
44 appropriate.

45 (2) A statement of the department's economic and community
46 development objectives, measures of program success and standards
47 for granting financial and nonfinancial assistance under programs
48 administered by the department.]

49 [(3)] (2) An analysis of the economic development portfolio of the
50 department, including, but not limited to, each business assistance or
51 incentive program, including any business tax credit or abatement
52 program, grant, loan, forgivable loan or other form of assistance,
53 enacted for the purpose of improving economic development. The
54 analysis shall include:

55 [(A) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of
56 the department's assistance;

57 (B) The following information concerning each recipient of such
58 assistance:]

59 (A) The Internet web site address of the state's open data portal and
60 an indication of where the name, address and location of each recipient
61 of the department's assistance is published on the site along with the
62 following information concerning each recipient: (i) Business activities,
63 (ii) standard industrial classification codes or North American
64 industrial classification codes, [(iii) number of full-time jobs and part-
65 time jobs at the time of application, (iv) number of actual full-time jobs
66 and actual part-time jobs during the preceding state fiscal year, (v)] (iii)
67 whether the recipient is a minority or woman-owned business, [(vi)]
68 (iv) a summary of the terms and conditions for the assistance,
69 including the type and amount of state financial assistance [,] and job
70 creation or retention requirements, [and anticipated wage rates, (vii)]
71 (v) the amount of investments from private and other nonstate sources
72 that have been leveraged by the assistance, [(viii) the extent to which

73 employees of the recipient participate in health benefit plans offered
74 by such recipient, (ix) the extent to which the recipient offers unique
75 economic, social, cultural or aesthetic attributes to the municipality in
76 which the recipient is located or to the state, and (x)] and (vi) the
77 amount of state investment;

78 [(C)] (B) A portfolio analysis, including [(i)] an analysis of the wages
79 paid by recipients of financial assistance [, (ii) the average portfolio
80 wage, median portfolio wage, highest and lowest portfolio wage, (iii)
81 portfolio wage data by industry, and (iv) portfolio wage data by
82 municipality] by industry;

83 [(D)] (C) An investment analysis, including (i) total portfolio value,
84 (ii) total investment by industry, (iii) portfolio dollar per job average,
85 (iv) portfolio leverage ratio; [, and (v) percentage of financial assistance
86 which was provided to high performance work organizations in the
87 preceding state fiscal year; and]

88 [(E)] (D) An overview of the business assistance and incentive
89 programs administered by the department and an analysis of [the]
90 their estimated economic [effects of the department's economic
91 development investments on the state's economy, including (i)
92 contribution to gross state product for the total economic development
93 portfolio and for any investment activity occurring in the preceding
94 state fiscal year, (ii) direct and indirect employment created by the
95 investments for the total portfolio and for any investment activity
96 occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) productivity of
97 recipients of financial assistance as a result of the department's
98 investment occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iv) directly or
99 indirectly increased property values in the municipalities in which the
100 recipients of assistance are located, and (v) personal income.] impact
101 on the state's economy. The analysis shall include, for each business
102 assistance or incentive program for which such data is available, the
103 number of new jobs created, the borrowing cost to the state and the
104 estimated impact of such program on annual state revenues;

105 (E) An analysis of whether the statutory and programmatic goals of
106 each business or incentive program are being met, with obstacles to
107 such goals identified, if possible;

108 (F) (i) Recommendations as to whether any existing business
109 assistance or incentive program should be continued, modified or
110 repealed and the basis or bases for such recommendations, and (ii) any
111 recommendations for additional data collection by the state to better
112 inform future evaluations of such programs; and

113 (G) The methodologies and assumptions used in carrying out the
114 analyses under this subdivision.

115 ~~[(4)]~~ (3) An analysis of the community development portfolio of the
116 department, including:

117 ~~[(A)]~~ A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of
118 the department's assistance;

119 (B) The following information concerning each recipient of such
120 assistance:]

121 (A) The Internet web site address of the state's open data portal and
122 an indication of where the name, address and location of each recipient
123 of the department's assistance is published on the site along with the
124 following information concerning each recipient: (i) Amount of state
125 investment, (ii) a summary of the terms and conditions for the
126 department's assistance, including the type and amount of state
127 financial assistance, and (iii) the amount of investments from private
128 and other nonstate sources that have been leveraged by such
129 assistance; and

130 ~~[(C)]~~ (B) An investment analysis, including (i) total active portfolio
131 value, (ii) total investments made in the preceding state fiscal year,
132 ~~[(iii)]~~ total portfolio by municipality, (iv) total investments made in the
133 preceding state fiscal year categorized by municipality, (v)] and (iii)
134 total portfolio leverage ratio, [and (vi) leverage ratio of the total

135 investments made in the preceding state fiscal year; and]

136 [(D) An analysis of the estimated economic effects of the
137 department's economic development investments on the state's
138 economy, including (i) contribution to gross state product for the total
139 portfolio and for any investment activity occurring in the preceding
140 state fiscal year, (ii) direct and indirect employment created by the
141 investments for the total portfolio and for any investment activity
142 occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) productivity of
143 recipients of financial assistance as a result of the department's
144 investment occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iv) directly or
145 indirectly increased property values in the municipalities in which the
146 recipients are located, and (v) personal income.]

147 (4) An analysis of each business assistance or incentive program,
148 including any business tax credit or abatement program, grant, loan,
149 forgivable loan or other form of assistance, enacted for the purpose of
150 improving economic development, that (A) (i) had ten or more
151 recipients of assistance in the preceding state fiscal year, or (ii)
152 credited, abated or distributed more than one million dollars in the
153 preceding state fiscal year, and (B) is not administered by the
154 department. The analysis shall include:

155 (i) An overview of the business assistance or incentive program and
156 an analysis of its estimated economic effects on the state's economy,
157 including, for each program where such data is available, the number
158 of new jobs created and the estimated impact of such program on
159 annual state revenues;

160 (ii) An analysis of whether the statutory and programmatic goals of
161 each business assistance or incentive program are being met, with
162 obstacles to such goals identified, if possible;

163 (iii) Recommendations as to whether any such existing business
164 assistance or incentive program should be continued, modified or
165 repealed and the basis or bases for such recommendations, and any
166 recommendations for additional data collection by the state to better

167 inform future evaluations of such programs; and

168 (iv) The methodologies and assumptions used in carrying out the
169 analysis under this subdivision.

170 [(5) A summary of the department's economic and community
171 development marketing efforts in the preceding state fiscal year, a
172 summary of the department's business recruitment strategies and
173 activities in such year, and a summary of the department's efforts to
174 assist small businesses and minority business enterprises in such year.]

175 [(6)] (5) A summary of the department's international trade efforts
176 in the preceding state fiscal year, and, to the extent possible, a
177 summary of foreign direct investment that occurred in the state in such
178 year.

179 [(7) Identification of existing economic clusters, the formation of
180 new economic clusters, the measures taken by the commissioner
181 during the preceding state fiscal year to encourage the growth of
182 economic clusters and the amount of bond funds expended by the
183 department during the previous fiscal year on each economic cluster.

184 (8) (A) A summary of the department's brownfield-related efforts
185 and activities within the Office of Brownfield Remediation and
186 Development established pursuant to subsections (a) to (d), inclusive,
187 of section 32-761 in the preceding state fiscal year, except for activity
188 under the Special Contaminated Property Remediation and Insurance
189 Fund program. Such efforts shall include, but not be limited to, (i) total
190 portfolio investment in brownfield remediation projects, (ii) total
191 investment in brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state
192 fiscal year, (iii) total number of brownfield remediation projects, (iv)
193 total number of brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state
194 fiscal year, (v) total of reclaimed and remediated acreage, (vi) total of
195 reclaimed and remediated acreage in the preceding state fiscal year,
196 (vii) leverage ratio for the total portfolio investment in brownfield
197 remediation projects, and (viii) leverage ratio for the total portfolio
198 investment in brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state

199 fiscal year. Such summary shall include a list of such brownfield
200 remediation projects and, for each such project, the name of the
201 developer and the location by street address and municipality and a
202 tracking of all funds administered through or by said office;

203 (B) A summary of the department's efforts with regard to the
204 Special Contaminated Property Remediation and Insurance Fund,
205 including, but not limited to, (i) the number of applications received in
206 the preceding state fiscal year, (ii) the number and amounts of loans
207 made in such year, (iii) the names of the applicants for such loans, (iv)
208 the average time period between submission of application and the
209 decision to grant or deny the loan, (v) a list of the applications
210 approved and the applications denied and the reasons for such
211 denials, and (vi) for each project, the location by street address and
212 municipality; and

213 (C) A summary of the department's efforts with regard to the dry
214 cleaning grant program, established pursuant to section 12-263m,
215 including, but not limited to, (i) information as to the number of
216 applications received, (ii) the number and amounts of grants made
217 since the inception of the program, (iii) the names of the applicants,
218 (iv) the time period between submission of application and the
219 decision to grant or deny the loan, (v) which applications were
220 approved and which applications were denied and the reasons for any
221 denials, and (vi) a recommendation as to whether the surcharge and
222 grant program established pursuant to section 12-263m should
223 continue.

224 (9) The following information concerning enterprise zones
225 designated under section 32-70:

226 (A) A statement of the current goals for enterprise zones;

227 (B) A statement of the current performance standards to measure
228 the progress of municipalities that have enterprise zones in attaining
229 the goals for such zones;

230 (C) A report from each municipality that has an enterprise zone,
231 which evaluates the progress of the municipality in meeting the
232 performance standards established under section 32-70a; and

233 (D) An assessment of the performance of each enterprise zone based
234 on information collected under subparagraph (C) of this subdivision.

235 (10) With regard to the grant program designated pursuant to
236 sections 32-324a to 32-324e, inclusive, an assessment of program
237 performance.

238 (11) With regard to the fuel diversification program designated
239 pursuant to section 32-324g, an assessment of program performance.

240 (12) An assessment of the performance of the Connecticut qualified
241 biodiesel producer incentive account grant program established
242 pursuant to sections 32-324a to 32-324e, inclusive.

243 (13) An assessment of the performance of the fuel diversification
244 grant program established pursuant to section 32-324g.]

245 [(14)] (6) A summary of the total social and economic impact of the
246 department's efforts and activities in the areas of economic and
247 community development, and an assessment of the department's
248 performance in terms of meeting its stated goals and objectives.

249 [(15) With regard to the Connecticut Credit Consortium established
250 pursuant to section 32-9yy, a summary of the activity of such program,
251 including, but not limited to, the number of loans and lines of credit
252 applied for and approved, the size of the businesses, the amount of the
253 loans or lines of credit, and the amount repaid to date.

254 (16) With regard to the office of the permit ombudsman, established
255 pursuant to section 32-726:

256 (A) The names of applicants for expedited review;

257 (B) The date of request for expedited review;

258 (C) The basis upon which the applicant claimed eligibility for
259 expedited review;

260 (D) State agencies that participated in the permit review process;

261 (E) The dates on which the permit was granted or denied via the
262 expedited review process or the date the applicant was determined not
263 to be eligible for expedited review; and

264 (F) If applicable, the reason the applicant was determined not to be
265 eligible for the expedited review process.]

266 [(17)] (7) With regard to the Small Business Express program
267 established pursuant to section 32-7g, data on (A) the number of small
268 businesses that applied to the Small Business Express program, (B) the
269 number of small businesses that received assistance under said
270 program and the general categories of such businesses, (C) the
271 amounts and types of assistance provided, (D) the total number of jobs
272 on the date of application and the number proposed to be created or
273 retained, and (E) the most recent employment figures of the small
274 businesses receiving assistance.

275 [(18)] (8) With regard to airport development zones established
276 pursuant to section 32-75d, a summary of the economic and cost
277 benefits of each zone and any recommended revisions to any such
278 zones.

279 (9) An overview of the department's activities related to tourism, the
280 arts and historic preservation.

281 (10) An overview of the department's activities concerning digital
282 media, motion pictures and related production activity, and an
283 analysis of the use of the film production tax credit established under
284 section 12-217jj, the entertainment industry infrastructure tax credit
285 established under section 12-217kk and the digital animation
286 production tax credit established under section 12-217ll, including the
287 amount of any tax credit issued under said sections and the total

288 amount of production expenses or costs incurred in the state by the
289 taxpayer who was issued such a tax credit.

290 (11) A summary of the department's and the office of the permit
291 ombudsman's brownfield-related efforts and activities in the preceding
292 fiscal year.

293 (12) A summary of the department's dry cleaning establishment
294 remediation account activities in the preceding fiscal year.

295 (b) Any annual report that is required from the department by any
296 provision of the general statutes shall be incorporated into the annual
297 report [provided] submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

298 (c) On or before March 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, the joint
299 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
300 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,
301 finance, revenue and bonding and commerce shall hold, individually
302 or jointly, one or more public hearings on the analyses included in the
303 annual report under subdivisions (3) and (5) of subsection (a) of this
304 section.

305 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

306 (1) "Annual report" means the report required under subsection (a)
307 of section 32-1m of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

308 (2) "Incentive programs" means every business assistance or
309 incentive program, including any business tax credit or abatement
310 program, grant, loan, forgivable loan or other form of assistance,
311 enacted for the purpose of improving economic development; and

312 (3) "Performance audit" means an examination of performance that
313 provides findings or conclusions to determine effectiveness in
314 achieving expressed legislative purposes.

315 (b) As part of each audit the Auditors of Public Accounts perform of
316 the Department of Economic and Community Development or as a

317 stand-alone audit, said auditors shall conduct a performance audit of
318 incentive programs, in such order and frequency as said auditors deem
319 necessary. Said auditors shall conduct any such performance audit in
320 accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards or
321 by another method said auditors deem appropriate.

322 (c) As part of each audit the Auditors of Public Accounts perform of
323 the Department of Economic and Community Development, said
324 auditors shall evaluate the annual reports submitted by the
325 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development since the
326 last audit performed of the department by said auditors and the
327 analyses required under subdivisions (3) and (5) of subsection (a) of
328 section 32-1m of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and
329 included in such annual reports. Such evaluation shall include, but
330 need not be limited to:

331 (1) A determination of whether evidence is available to support the
332 accuracy of the data presented in such annual reports;

333 (2) An evaluation of management practices and operations with
334 respect to the ease or difficulty for taxpayers to comply with the
335 requirements of the incentive programs;

336 (3) Recommendations for improving the administrative efficiency or
337 effectiveness of the incentive programs; and

338 (4) An evaluation of whether such annual reports satisfy the
339 reporting requirements under subsection (a) of section 32-1m of the
340 general statutes, as amended by this act.

341 (d) (1) The Auditors of Public Accounts shall submit a report, in
342 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, of the
343 performance audit and evaluation required, pursuant to subsections
344 (b) and (c) of this section, as part of each audit said auditors perform of
345 the Department of Economic and Community Development, to the
346 Governor, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and
347 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having

348 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of
349 state agencies, finance, revenue and bonding and commerce. Such
350 report may be submitted as part of the audit report of the Department
351 of Economic and Community Development that said auditors issue
352 pursuant to section 2-90 of the general statutes.

353 (2) The Auditors of Public Accounts shall submit a report, in
354 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, of any stand-
355 alone performance audit conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of this
356 section, to the Governor, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
357 Management and the joint standing committees of the General
358 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
359 the budgets of state agencies, finance, revenue and bonding and
360 commerce.

361 (e) Said committees shall hold, individually or jointly, one or more
362 public hearings on a report submitted pursuant to subsection (d) of
363 this section.

364 Sec. 503. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
365 Minority Business Initiative Advisory Board, which shall be within the
366 Department of Economic and Community Development. The advisory
367 board shall: (1) Advise the Commissioner of Economic and
368 Community Development with regard to increasing the availability of
369 technical assistance, access to capital and access to state contracts to
370 minority-owned businesses; and (2) develop and administer programs
371 to foster financial literacy, minority employment and
372 entrepreneurship, which may include, but need not be limited to,
373 internship and externship programs, apprenticeship programs,
374 entrepreneurship programs and subsidies to employers for job
375 creation.

376 (b) The advisory board shall consist of the following members:

377 (1) Four appointed by the Commissioner of Economic and
378 Community Development, in consultation with members of the
379 minority business community. Each such appointee shall: (1) Have

380 skill, knowledge and experience in business and business
381 development, procurement, and state and federal contracting; (2) have
382 skill, knowledge and experience in developing minority-owned
383 businesses; (3) be a member of or hold an office in a community
384 organization serving minority populations that has economic
385 development, including, but not limited to, business and
386 entrepreneurial development, as part of its mission; (4) have business
387 development education and training expertise; (5) represent a business
388 or organization that primarily engages in business development; or (6)
389 own a business;

390 (2) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

391 (3) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

392 (4) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
393 Representatives;

394 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

395 (6) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
396 or the commissioner's designee.

397 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
398 September 1, 2017. Members shall serve a two-year term and may not
399 serve more than three such terms consecutively, except that each
400 member shall hold office until a successor is appointed. Any vacancy
401 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

402 (d) The commissioner shall schedule the first meeting of the
403 advisory board not later than September 30, 2017. The advisory board
404 shall elect a chairperson from among its members. The advisory board
405 shall meet at such times as the chairperson deems necessary.

406 (e) No member of the advisory board shall receive compensation for
407 such member's services.

408 Sec. 504. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of

409 section 32-7h of the general statutes, the commissioner shall allocate
410 the following amounts from the small business express assistance
411 account, established pursuant to said section, to the Minority Business
412 Initiative Advisory Board established pursuant to section 503 of this
413 act: (1) Two million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and
414 (2) one million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. The
415 advisory board may use not more than five per cent of the allocation in
416 each fiscal year for the administrative costs of performing the duties
417 described in subsection (a) of section 503 of this act.

418 Sec. 505. Section 32-1p of the general statutes is repealed and the
419 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

420 [(a)] With respect to digital media and motion picture activities, the
421 Department of Economic and Community Development shall have the
422 following powers and duties:

423 (1) To promote the use of Connecticut locations, structures, facilities
424 and services for the production and postproduction of all digital media
425 and motion pictures and other media-related products;

426 (2) To provide support services to visiting and in-state production
427 companies, including assistance to digital media and motion picture
428 producers in securing permits from state agencies, authorities or
429 institutions or municipalities or other political subdivisions of the
430 state;

431 (3) To develop and update a resource library concerning the many
432 possible state sites which are suitable for production;

433 (4) To develop and update a production manual of available digital
434 media and motion picture production facilities and services in the
435 state;

436 (5) To conduct and attend trade shows and production workshops
437 to promote Connecticut locations and facilities;

438 (6) To prepare an explanatory guide showing the impact of relevant

439 state and municipal tax statutes, regulations and administrative
440 opinions on typical production activities and to implement the tax
441 credits provided for in sections 12-217jj, 12-217kk and 12-217ll;

442 (7) To formulate and propose guidelines for state agencies for a "one
443 stop permitting" process for matters, including, but not limited to, the
444 use of state roads and highways, the use of state-owned real or
445 personal property for production activities and the conduct of
446 regulated activities, and to hold workshops to assist state agencies in
447 implementing such process;

448 (8) To formulate and recommend to municipalities model local
449 ordinances and forms to assist production activities, including, but not
450 limited to, "one stop permitting" of digital media and motion picture
451 and other production activity to be conducted in a municipality, and to
452 hold workshops to assist municipalities in implementing such
453 ordinances;

454 (9) To accept any funds, gifts, donations, bequests or grants of funds
455 from private and public sources for the purposes of this section;

456 (10) To request and obtain from any state agency, authority or
457 institution or any municipality or other political subdivision of the
458 state such assistance and data as will enable the department to carry
459 out the purposes of this section;

460 (11) To assist and promote cooperation among all segments of
461 management and labor that are engaged in digital media and motion
462 pictures; and

463 (12) To take any other administrative action which may improve the
464 position of the state's digital media and motion picture production
465 industries in national and international markets.

466 [(b) On or before January 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, the
467 Department of Economic and Community Development shall submit
468 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having

469 cognizance of matters relating to commerce and finance, revenue and
470 bonding, in accordance with section 11-4a, a report on the activities of
471 the department under this section and the estimated direct and
472 indirect economic impact of all digital media, motion pictures and
473 related production activity in the state, during the preceding calendar
474 year. Each such report shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis
475 of the use of the film production tax credit established under section
476 12-217jj, the entertainment industry infrastructure tax credit
477 established under section 12-217kk and the digital animation
478 production tax credit established under section 12-217ll, and shall
479 include a description of each production or project for which a tax
480 credit has been issued, the amount of any such tax credit and the total
481 amount of production expenses or costs incurred in the state by the
482 taxpayer who was issued such a tax credit and any other information
483 that may be requested by a chairperson of the joint standing
484 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
485 relating to commerce and finance, revenue and bonding.]

486 Sec. 506. Section 32-1o of the general statutes is repealed and the
487 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

488 (a) On or before July 1, 2015, and every four years thereafter, the
489 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, within
490 available appropriations, shall prepare an economic development
491 strategic plan for the state in consultation with the Secretary of the
492 Office of Policy and Management, the Commissioners of Energy and
493 Environmental Protection and Transportation, the Labor
494 Commissioner, the chairperson of the Culture and Tourism Advisory
495 Committee, the executive directors of the Connecticut Housing
496 Finance Authority and the Connecticut Health and Educational
497 Facilities Authority, and the chief executive officer of Connecticut
498 Innovations, Incorporated, or their respective designees, and any other
499 agencies the Commissioner of Economic and Community
500 Development deems appropriate.

501 (b) In developing the plan, the Commissioner of Economic and

502 Community Development shall:

503 (1) Ensure that the plan is consistent with (A) the text and locational
504 guide map of the state plan of conservation and development adopted
505 pursuant to chapter 297, and (B) the state's consolidated plan for
506 housing and community development prepared pursuant to section 8-
507 37t;

508 (2) Consult regional councils of governments, regional planning
509 organizations, regional economic development agencies, interested
510 state and local officials, entities involved in economic and community
511 development, stakeholders and business, economic, labor, community
512 and housing organizations;

513 (3) Consider (A) regional economic, community and housing
514 development plans, and (B) applicable state and local workforce
515 investment strategies;

516 (4) Assess and evaluate the economic development challenges and
517 opportunities of the state and against the economic development
518 competitiveness of other states and regions; and

519 (5) Host regional forums to provide for public involvement in the
520 planning process.

521 (c) The strategic plan required under this section shall include, but
522 not be limited to, the following:

523 (1) A review and evaluation of the economy of the state, [Such
524 review and evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, a sectoral
525 analysis, housing market and housing affordability analysis, labor
526 market and labor quality analysis, demographic analysis and historic
527 trend analysis and projections] including its strengths;

528 (2) A review and analysis of factors, issues and forces that impact or
529 impede economic development and responsible growth in Connecticut
530 and its constituent regions; [Such factors, issues or forces shall
531 include, but not be limited to, transportation, including, but not

532 limited to, commuter transit, rail and barge freight, technology
533 transfer, brownfield remediation and development, health care
534 delivery and costs, early education, primary education, secondary and
535 postsecondary education systems and student performance, business
536 regulation, labor force quality and sustainability, social services costs
537 and delivery systems, affordable and workforce housing cost and
538 availability, land use policy, emergency preparedness, taxation,
539 availability of capital and energy costs and supply;]

540 [(3) Identification and analysis of economic clusters that are growing
541 or declining within the state;]

542 [(4)] (3) An analysis of targeted industry sectors in the state that (A)
543 identifies those industry sectors that are of current or future
544 importance to the growth of the state's economy and to its global
545 competitive position, (B) identifies what those industry sectors need
546 for continued growth, and (C) identifies those industry sectors' current
547 and potential impediments to growth;

548 [(5) A review and evaluation of the economic development structure
549 in the state, including, but not limited to, (A) a review and analysis of
550 the past and current economic, community and housing development
551 structures, budgets and policies, efforts and responsibilities of its
552 constituent parts in Connecticut, and (B) an analysis of the
553 performance of the current economic, community and housing
554 development structure, and its individual constituent parts, in meeting
555 its statutory obligations, responsibilities and mandates and their
556 impact on economic development and responsible growth in
557 Connecticut;]

558 [(6)] (4) Establishment and articulation of a vision for Connecticut
559 that identifies where the state should be in [five, ten, fifteen and
560 twenty years] the future;

561 [(7)] (5) Establishment of prioritized, clear and measurable goals and
562 objectives for the state and regions [, to meet the short and long-term
563 goals established under this section and provide] and clear steps and

564 strategies to achieve said goals and objectives, [including, but not
565 limited to, the following] which may include, but shall not be limited
566 to: (A) The promotion of economic development and opportunity, (B)
567 the fostering of effective transportation access and choice including the
568 use of airports and ports for economic development, (C) enhancement
569 and protection of the environment, (D) maximization of the effective
570 development and use of the workforce consistent with applicable state
571 or local workforce investment strategy, (E) promotion of the use of
572 technology in economic development, including access to high-speed
573 telecommunications, and (F) the balance of resources through sound
574 management of physical development;

575 [(8) Prioritization of goals and objectives established under this
576 section;]

577 [(9)] (6) Establishment of relevant measures that clearly identify and
578 quantify (A) whether a goal and objective is being met at the state,
579 regional, local and private sector level, and (B) cause and effect
580 relationships, and provide a clear and replicable measurement
581 methodology;

582 [(10)] (7) Recommendations on how the state can best achieve goals
583 under the strategic plan; [and provide cost estimates for
584 implementation of the plan and the projected return on investment for
585 those areas;] and

586 [(11) A review and evaluation of the operation and efficacy of the
587 urban jobs program established pursuant to sections 32-9i to 32-9l,
588 inclusive, enterprise zones established pursuant to section 32-70,
589 railroad depot zones established pursuant to section 32-75a, qualified
590 manufacturing plants designated pursuant to section 32-75c,
591 entertainment districts established pursuant to section 32-76 and
592 enterprise corridor zones established pursuant to section 32-80. The
593 review and evaluation of enterprise zones shall include an analysis of
594 enterprise zones that have been expanded to include an area in a
595 contiguous municipality or in which there are base or plant closures;

596 (12) An assessment of program performance with regard to the
597 development, research and economic assistance matching grant
598 program established pursuant to section 32-345; and]

599 [(13)] (8) Any other responsible growth information that the
600 commissioner deems appropriate.

601 (d) On or before July 1, [2009] 2019, and every [five] four years
602 thereafter, the Commissioner of Economic and Community
603 Development shall submit [an] the economic development strategic
604 plan for the state to the Governor for approval. The Governor shall
605 review and approve or disapprove such plan not more than sixty days
606 after submission. The plan shall be effective upon approval by the
607 Governor or sixty days after the date of submission.

608 (e) Upon approval, the commissioner shall submit the economic
609 development strategic plan to the joint standing committees of the
610 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce,
611 planning and development, appropriations and the budgets of state
612 agencies and finance, revenue and bonding. Not later than thirty days
613 after such submission, the commissioner shall post the plan on the web
614 site of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

615 (f) The commissioner, from time to time, may revise and update the
616 strategic plan upon approval of the Governor. The commissioner shall
617 post any such revisions on the web site of the Department of Economic
618 and Community Development.

619 Sec. 507. Section 12-263m of the general statutes is repealed and the
620 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

621 (a) As used in this section: (1) "Eligible dry cleaning establishment"
622 means any place of business engaged in the cleaning of clothing or
623 other fabrics using tetrachlorethylene, Stoddard solvent or other
624 chemicals or any place of business that accepts clothing or other fabrics
625 to be cleaned by another establishment using such chemicals, (2) "gross
626 receipts at retail" means the total amount accruing from dry cleaning

627 services at retail, valued in money, without any deduction for the cost
628 of the materials used, labor or service cost or any other expense, and
629 (3) "eligible applicant" means (A) a business owner or operator of an
630 eligible dry cleaning establishment, or (B) an owner of property that is
631 or that was occupied by an eligible dry cleaning establishment.

632 (b) (1) There shall be paid to the Commissioner of Revenue Services
633 by each dry cleaning establishment a surcharge of one per cent of its
634 gross receipts at retail for any dry cleaning service performed on or
635 after January 1, 1995. Each dry cleaning establishment shall register
636 with the Commissioner of Revenue Services on forms prescribed by
637 the commissioner. Each dry cleaning establishment that is registered
638 with the commissioner shall renew its registration with the
639 commissioner on October 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, in such
640 manner as the commissioner may prescribe. The commissioner shall
641 send a nonrenewal notice by first class mail to each dry cleaning
642 establishment that fails to renew its registration in accordance with the
643 provisions of this subsection. No dry cleaning establishment may
644 engage in or transact business as a dry cleaning establishment unless it
645 is registered with the commissioner in accordance with the provisions
646 of this subsection.

647 (2) (A) Any dry cleaning establishment that fails to register with the
648 commissioner in accordance with the provisions of this subsection
649 shall pay a penalty of one thousand dollars, which penalty shall not be
650 subject to waiver.

651 (B) Any dry cleaning establishment that fails to renew its
652 registration within forty-five days after a nonrenewal notice was sent
653 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall pay a penalty of
654 two hundred dollars, which the commissioner may waive in the
655 manner set forth in section 12-3a, when it is proven to the
656 commissioner's satisfaction that the failure to register was due to
657 reasonable cause and was not intentional or due to neglect. No penalty
658 may be assessed under this subparagraph more than once during any
659 registration period.

660 (3) Each dry cleaning establishment shall submit a return quarterly
661 to the Commissioner of Revenue Services, applicable with respect to
662 the calendar quarter beginning January 1, 1995, and each calendar
663 quarter thereafter, on or before the last day of the month immediately
664 following the end of each such calendar quarter, on a form prescribed
665 by the commissioner, together with payment of the quarterly
666 surcharge determined and payable in accordance with the provisions
667 of this section. Whenever such surcharge is not paid when due, a
668 penalty of ten per cent of the amount due or fifty dollars, whichever is
669 greater, shall be imposed, and such surcharge shall bear interest at the
670 rate of one per cent per month or fraction thereof until the same is
671 paid. The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall cause copies of a
672 form prescribed for submitting returns as required under this section
673 to be distributed to persons subject to the surcharge. Failure to receive
674 such form shall not be construed to relieve anyone subject to the
675 surcharge under this section from the obligations of submitting a
676 return, together with payment of such surcharge within the time
677 required. The provisions of sections 12-548 to 12-554, inclusive, and
678 sections 12-555a and 12-555b shall apply to the provisions of this
679 section in the same manner and with the same force and effect as if the
680 language of said sections 12-548 to 12-554, inclusive, and sections 12-
681 555a and 12-555b had been incorporated in full into this section and
682 had expressly referred to the surcharge imposed under this section,
683 except to the extent that any such provision is inconsistent with a
684 provision of this section and except that the term "tax" shall be read as
685 "dry cleaning establishment surcharge".

686 (4) Any moneys received by the state pursuant to this section shall
687 be deposited into the account established pursuant to subsection (c) of
688 this section.

689 (c) There is established an account within the General Fund to be
690 known as the "dry cleaning establishment remediation account". Said
691 account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in
692 the account. Any balance remaining in the account at the end of any
693 fiscal year shall be carried forward in the account for the fiscal year

694 next succeeding. The account shall be used by the Department of
695 Economic and Community Development for grants made to owners or
696 operators of eligible dry cleaning establishments or owners of property
697 on which an eligible dry cleaning establishment has been in operation
698 for at least a year prior to the approval of the application or was
699 previously operated for at least a year prior to such approval.

700 (d) The state, acting through the Commissioner of Economic and
701 Community Development, shall use the dry cleaning establishment
702 remediation account to provide grants to applicants for the purposes
703 of the containment and removal or mitigation of environmental
704 pollution resulting from the discharge, spillage, uncontrolled loss,
705 seepage or filtration of chemical liquids or solid, liquid or gaseous
706 products or hazardous wastes on or at the site of an eligible dry
707 cleaning establishment or for measures undertaken to prevent such
708 pollution which are approved by the Commissioner of Energy and
709 Environmental Protection. In order to qualify for a grant under the
710 provisions of this section an eligible applicant must demonstrate to the
711 satisfaction of the Commissioner of Economic and Community
712 Development that (1) the eligible dry cleaning establishment is using
713 or previously used, tetrachlorethylene or Stoddard solvent or other
714 chemicals for the purpose of cleaning clothes or other fabrics, (2) the
715 eligible dry cleaning establishment has been doing business or did
716 business at the site for a period of at least one year prior to the
717 submission date or approval date of the application for assistance
718 under this section, (3) the eligible dry cleaning establishment or owner
719 of property is not in arrears with regard to any tax levied by the state
720 or any political subdivision of the state and the dry cleaning surcharge
721 imposed by subsection (b) of this section, and (4) the eligible applicant
722 is not in arrears with regard to any tax levied by the state or any
723 political subdivision of the state. Any funds disbursed as a grant under
724 this section shall not be subject to attachment in the satisfaction of any
725 judgment against the recipient of such grant in any civil action.

726 (e) Notwithstanding the terms of any grant made under this section,
727 an eligible applicant shall bear all the costs of such pollution that are

less than ten thousand dollars. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development may provide a grant of up to three hundred thousand dollars to the eligible applicant where the eligible applicant has provided said commissioner with documentation satisfactory to said commissioner that the services for which payment is sought have been or will be completed. No eligible applicant shall receive more than three hundred thousand dollars per eligible dry cleaning establishment. In addition, the account may be used (1) to provide grants to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for expenditures made investigating dry cleaning establishments, (2) to provide potable water whenever necessary, and (3) to conduct environmental site assessments.

(f) Requests for grants shall be made to the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development. Any eligible applicant seeking a grant shall provide documentation supporting the need for the grant.

(g) Any dry cleaning establishment which unlawfully or intentionally discharges or spills any chemical liquids or solid, liquid or gaseous products or hazardous wastes shall not be eligible for a grant from the account.

(h) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall establish procedures for distribution of the grants and shall adopt criteria to carry out the provisions of this section. Such criteria shall specify (1) who may apply for grants; (2) how establishments, whether owned or leased, will be determined to be eligible for grants; (3) the costs for which grants may be made; and (4) a method for ensuring timely payment of funds to grant recipients.

[(i) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall include in the report required pursuant to section 32-1m an annual report that shall include information as to the number of applications received, and the number and amounts of grants made, since the inception of the program, the names of the applicants, the

760 time period between submission of an application and the decision to
761 approve or deny the grant, which applications were approved and
762 which applications were denied and the reasons for denial. Such report
763 shall further include a recommendation as to whether the surcharge
764 and the grant program established under this section should continue.]

765 Sec. 508. Section 32-58 of the general statutes is repealed and the
766 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

767 The Department of Economic and Community Development shall
768 advise and cooperate with any municipal or regional agency,
769 commission or authority responsible for economic planning in order to
770 formulate and implement plans to reduce the dependency of a
771 municipal or regional economy on prime defense contracts and to
772 alleviate the effects of a possible prime defense contract cutback. [The
773 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall
774 submit on or before September first of each year to the Governor and
775 the General Assembly a report which evaluates the extent to which the
776 economy of the state is dependent on prime defense contracts,
777 designates the municipalities or regions whose economies are
778 particularly dependent on prime defense contracts, describes the
779 adequacy of the steps being taken to meet potential problems resulting
780 from such dependency and shall include recommendations as to the
781 need for further legislative and administrative action to reduce such
782 dependency and to aid areas which have been or may be impacted by
783 prime defense contract cutbacks.]

784 Sec. 509. Section 10-95h of the general statutes is repealed and the
785 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

786 (a) Not later than November thirtieth each year, the joint standing
787 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
788 relating to education, higher education and employment advancement
789 and labor shall meet with the chairperson of the technical high school
790 system board and the superintendent of the technical high school
791 system, the Labor Commissioner, the Commissioner of Economic and

792 Community Development and such other persons as they deem
793 appropriate to consider the items submitted pursuant to subsection (b)
794 of this section.

795 (b) On or before November fifteenth, annually:

796 (1) The Labor Commissioner shall submit the following to the joint
797 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
798 matters relating to education, higher education and employment
799 advancement and labor: (A) Information identifying general economic
800 trends in the state; (B) occupational information regarding the public
801 and private sectors, such as continuous data on occupational
802 movements; and (C) information identifying emerging regional, state
803 and national workforce needs over the next thirty years.

804 (2) The superintendent of the technical high school system shall
805 submit the following to the joint standing committees of the General
806 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, higher
807 education and employment advancement and labor: (A) Information
808 ensuring that the curriculum of the technical high school system is
809 incorporating those workforce skills that will be needed for the next
810 thirty years, as identified by the Labor Commissioner in subdivision
811 (1) of this subsection, into the technical high schools; (B) information
812 regarding the employment status of students who graduate from or
813 complete an approved program of study at the technical high school
814 system, including, but not limited to: (i) Demographics such as age and
815 gender, (ii) course and program enrollment and completion, (iii)
816 employment status, and (iv) wages prior to enrolling and after
817 graduating; (C) an assessment of the adequacy of the resources
818 available to the technical high school system as the system develops
819 and refines programs to meet existing and emerging workforce needs;
820 (D) recommendations to the technical high school system board to
821 carry out the provisions of subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive, of this
822 subdivision; and (E) information regarding staffing at each technical
823 high school for the current academic year. The superintendent of the
824 technical high school system shall collaborate with the Labor

825 Commissioner to obtain information as needed to carry out the
826 provisions of this subsection.

827 [(3) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
828 shall submit the following to the joint standing committees of the
829 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,
830 higher education and employment advancement and labor: (A)
831 Information regarding the relationship between the Department of
832 Economic and Community Development and the technical high school
833 system, (B) information regarding coordinated efforts of the
834 department and the technical high school system to collaborate with
835 the business community, (C) information on workforce training needs
836 identified by the department through its contact with businesses, (D)
837 recommendations regarding how the department and the technical
838 high school system can coordinate or improve efforts to address the
839 workforce training needs identified in subparagraph (C) of this
840 subdivision, (E) information regarding the efforts of the department to
841 utilize the technical high school system in business assistance and
842 economic development programs offered by the department, and (F)
843 any additional information the commissioner deems relevant.]

844 Sec. 510. Section 32-1r of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
845 *from passage*)

846 Sec. 511. Section 31-362 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
847 *October 1, 2017*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	32-1m
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 504	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 505	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	32-1p
Sec. 506	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	32-1o
Sec. 507	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	12-263m
Sec. 508	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	32-58

Sec. 509	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-95h
Sec. 510	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 511	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	Repealer section